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FAMOUS HOSTELRY LICKED UP BY FLAMES

Delevan House, of Albany, a Prey to the Destroying Element.

FIRE STARTED IN ELEVATOR.

In Twenty Minutes the Whole Building Was a Seething Crater-

All the Guests Believed to Have Escaped, but It Is Thought Some of the Servants Perinhad-Same Persons Jumped from the Windows and Were So Badly Hurt That They May Die-Lack of Fire Escapes.

Almany, N. Y., Dec. 30. - The candidacy of several men for speaker of the Assembly reecived a startling baptism of fire here tonight, for the Delovan House, that famous hostelry known from Maine to California. the Mecca of politicians and the center of all big State political events for forty years, was completely destroyed. Fire is not an unmmon visitor, but fire such as this to-night has seldom been seen.

It was 8:30 o'clock and the political headquarters of both Mr. Fish and Mr. Maltby were filled with politicians and newspaper State Factory Inspector Connelly, who had been in the lobby with a number of people, started to go up the elevator. He remarked that he smelled smoke and suggested an investigation.

Before it could be begunthere were cries of fire from different parts of the house simultaneously. The outburst of flames before an alarm could be given to arouse the lumates of the rooms was something appalling. Up the elevator shaft there shot a solid column of finmes, up the staircase near this perfect flue

As the mass of white hot flame reached each of the five floors, it branched out into tongues of learing destruction, and it seemed as though the whole interior of the structure was a seething mass. Fortunately the guest list was not very large and the majority of those registered were politicians and were down in the second floor, where Mr. Fish and Mr. Maitty had bendquarters.

There was a rush for the stairs in the front and the servants stairs in the lead.

and the servants stairs in the back, where the flames had not yet reached, and in a few minutes there was a tumbling mass of humanity coming down these FEW MEANS OF EGRESS.

Those on the two upper floors could not avail themselves of these exits, for the

people on the street who had not yet seen the flames heard a crash of glass and saw figures come tumbling out of the windows.

Within ten minutes after the first note of alarm at least twelve persons were daugling on the insufficient rope fire escapes or hanging on to the window sills. The department arrived quickly, but it took some time to get ladders up, and in the meantime some of the people had dropped to the street.

In the right side of the building there appeared at a window surrounded by smoke a man and a weman. The man had hold of the woman trying to persuade her to wait for

woman trying to persuade her to wait for help, but she broke away and sprang out. She struck a balcony and rebounded to the street. The man waited for a ladder and was taken down in safety. His name was H. A. Fonkes and he represented a cash register company in Dayton, Ohio. The woman was his wife and she will probably die.

In ex-Speaker Maithy's room, which was o the rear of the clevator shaft, where the ire first appeared, there was the greatest extensent. About twenty politicians were bounding formation. we, including Congressmen Weaver and rtis, Senstor Kilburn and Mr. Maltby. A ush was made for the stairs, and when the party landed in the street the only injured one was found to be Assemblyman Bobbins,

got down safely, but the majority left their

E. A. Manchester, of Auburn, postmaster of the assembly, ran towards the baggage-room for his grip. Beturning he found his way blocked with flames and smoke and rushed back to a window. He smashed it out and alld down the rope fire escape. Although five stories high, there were no outside fire escapes, and the only means left for the people in the cut-off rooms to use were the

pe fire escapes. Ben Hellman, of Brooklyn, was in the third story. He opened his room door as soon as he heard the ery of fire. A burst of flame made him look to the window as the means of escape. In an instant he had but two alternatives—a flery death or jump. He chose the latter and plunged through the

When he was picked up from the sidewalk he was found to be ladly injured. He will die. His wife, who was in the room with die. His wife, who was in the room with him, tried the fire escape, but it either broke or class she failed to hold to it, for she, too, came to the pavement hearily. Her right leg was broken, her left ankle dislocated, and she was broken, her left ankle dislocated, and she was bally burned about the face and head.

In less than fifteen minutes after the re-started, the entire structure was wrapped in fiames. From the windows of each of its five stories smoke poured in volumes, and a few minutes later the flames believed forth. In twenty minutes the building resembled a seething crater, and it was plain to the thon sands of spectators who had gathered that it WOULD BE ENTHELY DESTROYED.

Edward Walsh, a porter, was caught in the hall. Before he could get out he was badly burned and had to be taken to the hosnital. The department with nine streams of water pouring into a substitute of the only work was to save surrounding property. The botel takes in the entire block, about 110 by 440 feet. This was in fifteen minutes a seething caldron, bound only by

Of the 100 or more guests at the hotel, not one is known to have saved more than the clothes on their person. The fire burned flercely for five hours. The legislators and on found quarters at other hotels, and Mr. Fish opened up his campaign in the but everything has been lost sight

of in the life.

The Delevan House is fifty years old and is one of the most famous hotels in the country. It is a part of the estate of Edward C. Delevan. Hurry & Moore, the proprietors, paid \$40,-000 a year rental and lately had made vast improvements in expectation of a big winter scason. The total loss is estimated at \$500,-000, with an insurance of \$300,000.

At 11:30 the Broadway wall fell out and one fireman was buried in the debris. He was taken out and is not thought to be danger-

ously hurt.
One of the incidents of the fire was the cape of Miss Martin, of New York. She was in the fourth story window on the Stenben street side, when a ladder was raised. A

street side, when a ladder was raised. A messenger boy rushed up and broke the window, thus freeing her.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Martin, Bradley Martin, it, and Mrs. F. T. Martin were guests at the hotel, having come here to bury their son, Sherman. They were on the second floor, a good way from where the fire started and escaped. Mr. Martin, when he reached the sidewalk, offered anybody \$150 who would get his wife's jewels. Nobody accepted and they were destroyed.

There was a satchel filled with jewels, valued at \$5,000. One solitaire alone was worth \$1,000.

There are rumors at this late hour that

There are rumors at this late hour that there are bodies in the ruins and that quite a number of people did not escape. The clerk says to night that he is positive all the guests escaped, but does not feel so sure about the help, of which there was a great number. There is no way to-night of finding out positively whether these rumors are true or not, and it will take a day or so to determine.

Mr. Malthy said after the fire: "It is inconceivable how the flames obtained such headway. The halls were a mass of fire before we had received a word of warning. I lost most of my toliet articles and my clothes."

At the hospital to-night it is said that Mrs. Heilman will lose her reason. She has been put under opiates and every endeavor made to save, her. Mrs. Heilman had just been married and the couple were on their bridal tour. The husband will die before morning.

BANK CLERK --- WALL STREET.

The Combination Makes the Usual Trouble

for Directors and Depositors. Hudson, N. Y., Dec. 30 .- The town was startled last evening by the report that a trusted employe of the National Hudson River Bank was under arrest for making way with a large amount of money belonging to the

The report upon investigation proved to be

ir., receiving teller of the bank. Up to the closing of the bank on Saturday at noon Rossman went to the president, Hon. C. H. Evans, and made a full confession of his crime. He frankly admitted that he had matically robbed the bank from time to

systematically robbed the bank from time to time of amounts that will reach in the aggregate about \$10,000.

Fast living, he said, had plunged him into debt, and toget out of it he appropriated the funds and tried his luck in Wall street, hoping that by some fortunate turn in stocks he might refrieve what he had lost and return the money he had misplaced. But the more he played for gain in Wall street the more he became involved, and realizing that he must soon be discovered, he decided to confess his wrong-doing and put himself at the mercy of the officials.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 30, - Expert accountants at work on the city books have discovered a shortage of \$14,000 in the city collector's office during the term of ex-Mayor J. Hull Davidson, of this city, as collector. It is said that the work is in the handwriting of Deputy William R. Welsh who last summer was drowned in the city reservoir. The method was to record only a portion of the money received and the belief method was to record only a portion of the money received and the belief now is general that Weish committed sui-cide. He carried about \$40,000 in accident and life insurance. The accountants are to report to-morrow. Davidson is now with the American Horse Exchange.

GLOOM AT HEADQUARTERS.

Byrnes' Proposed Retirement Has a Depressing Effect.

New York, Dec. 30,-It was apparent at police headquarters in this city to-day that a flames were rushing along the corridors and change in affairs there is speedily approach-people on the street who had not yet seen the ing and gloom pervaded the entire building. No one in the big marble structure doubts for an instant Supt. Byrnes intends to retire as

soon as his successor is appointed.

The head of the police department was in his office as early as 8 o'clock in the morning, but he denied himself to visitors, although he remained several hours.

There was no concealment among those

There was no concealment among those posted that the superintendent was engaged in making preparations to move. He was closeted during his stay with his confidential man, Sergt. Frank Mangin, and was clearing out all his private papers and effects which have gathered during the years of his sojourn in the building. They were packed up and sent to his home on West Fifty-Eighth street.

Nobody cared to talk much about the matter, but those who did speak spoke in terms of astonishment and regret at their chief's coming retirement.

"PANSY" BUTLER TURNS UP.

He Is in Indianapolis, but Can't Explain

How He Got There. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 30,-Ex-Congressman Walt Butler, of West Union Iowa, was located here to-day. In fact, he located himself. In the Chicago papers he noticed that a In Mr. Fish's hendquarters there was less self. In the Chicago papers he noticed that a hurry, because they were near the stairs. All | reward had been offered by his wife for the recovery of his body on the supposition that

Butler at once called at the local newspaper offices to state that he is ulive. In explana-tion of his sudden disappearance from his own home two months ago, he says that the

norming of November 22 he awoke by near-ing a trainman call out Indianapolis. He says that from the time he dismissed the school he was teaching in Iowa on November 20, until he arrived here, his mind was a per-He says he at once wrote to his wife, but the letter evidently was miscarried Butier has been working here as a book agent, trying to recoup his fortune. He seems to be perfectly sane.

NOW MR. PARKHURSTI

Don't You Think These Very Papers Have Aided Your Reforms?

NEW YORK, Dec. S .- The Rev. Charles H. Parkhurst preached a sermon this morning in which he made indirect and incidenta reference to the work of the past year.

The people had learned, he said, that a olitician was a man of expediency, and that he might arrange things in such a manner as only a mighty uprising of the people could

In looking over the field of the future, he id, the people should look for an improve-ent in the character of the newspapers. The papers, he said that daily serve up a mass of undigested matter, without discrimination to their readers, were rapidly becon-ing a public nuisance.

Colorado Legislative Situation. DESVER, Colo., Dec. 30 .- The Republican claim they can organize both branches of the egislature, which will meet next Wednesday. They apparently have a handsome majority in the house, and there will be no contes

The Populists have a majority in the sen less a combination can be formed by the publicans with the one or two Democrats that are still left there. Such a combination the Republicans hope, it is said, to accom-

Biddeford Suffers from a Cigar Stump. BIDDEFORD, Me., Dec. 30.—The city building here was damaged to the extent of \$50,-000 by fire early this morning. Besides the city offices, the post-office and the police station, the building contained the drug-store of Dr. Warren, McKenny & Heard's hardware store, Mrs. Ward's and Mrs. Conlan's millinery parlors, and the York County Savings Bank, all of which were damaged by smoke and water. A cigar stub carelessly thrown into a closet on the second floor

Death of a Wealthy New Englander. New Haven, Conn., Dec. 30.—Edward H. Eaton, one of the wealthiest residents of this city, died at his home here this afternoon from cancer of the throat, aged sixty-four

RUSHED FROM HOME IN NUDE CONDITION

Twice Mrs. Wetzler Ran Screaming to a Neighbor's House.

SHE WAS VERY BADLY BURNED

Somebody Refused to Give Her Admittance to Her Own House.

Contradictory Stories of Her Husband and Daughter as to the Origin of Her Injuries -She Claims They Resulted From a Gasoline Stove-Wetzler Says There Was No Fire in It - Doctors Doubtful of Recovery.

Piercing screams of terror and agony aroused the neighborhood of Fifth and F streets northeast about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, bringing many of the residents to their doors. Smoke was seen pouring out of the doorway of the home of Mrs. Flora Wetzler, at No. 511 F street, whose husband is a clerk in the Government Printing Office and

an ex-policeman. Noises of a flerce struggle were heard, and the shricks continued. Suddenly out of the front door burst Mrs. Wetzler, who was entirely without clothing, except a pair of stockings and slippers. In this condition she ran down the steps.

"Save me, Oh, save me!" she cried.

"My God! Won't somebody save my life!" The woman harried across the key garden in front of the house, to No. 509, next door, and rang the doorbell, not heeding the biting cold. Still she cried in a pitiful voice, and seeming to be entirely distracted by her condition, Mrs. Wetzler did not wait for an answer to her ring, but ran back toward the house.

"I'm burning up!" she cried repeatedly. "Oh! won't somebody help me?"

Tiny streaks of smoke were still curling out of the doorway of her home, and from the in-side came voices, first liercely ordering and then the plaintive voice of a girl in pleading tones. As Mrs. Wetnier tried to re-enter the house, the neighbors declare that her hus-band repuised her, and DROVE THE UNFORTUNATE WOMAN AWAY.

Again Mrs. Wetzler hurried back to No. 509, and finding the door still looked, screamed in agony. Men began to gather from all sides, attracted by the excitement, and added to Mrs. Wetnier's agony. Once more she tried to get into her home, but her daughter, a girl of about seventeen, was prevented from opening the door. When the mother burst out again she was protected by either a sheet or an apron.

This time she gained admittance to the

neighboring house, and she told the inmates between gasps of pain that she had been burned. It was then seen that her flesh was seared and almost cooked. Now almost frantic and fainting with pain. Mrs. Wetzler, dropped exhausted on the stairs. Sweet and linseed oil were soon found and her terrible larges were bathed by symposthetic hands.

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"I did it," she moaned. "Really it was I.
I was using turpentine about the gasoline

In the meantime others burried into No. 511 to extinguish the fire, but they encounout to extinguish the fire, but they encountered considerable opposition from the his-hand. Those that did enter, however, found the kitchen range cold and evidences of a fire in the gasoline stove. On the floor in front of the latter lay several pieces of charred clothing. Some of these were still burning and were quickly stamped out. On the table food was set out. food was set out.

Mr. Wetzier was very anxious that those in-side his house should get out at once, and

NOT ASK ANY QUESTIONS. Soon the burned woman was carried into her bome, moaning with anguish. Physicians were summoned and in a short 'time Drs. Barnes, Hazen and Frederick arrived. They found the victim in a very serious con-

and suffering greatly. The shock and exposure added to the gravity of her case.

The burning of Mrs. Wetzler has some very mysterious features. She has not lived at the F-street house with her husband very long, and her daughter is by a former husband. This daughter told two stories of the works to the realized to the second to the second to the realized to the second to the

oand. This caughter told two stories of the affair to the police.

One was to the effect that there was a quarrel before her mother was burned, but afterward she retracted this statement, and denied that it was true. She explained that her mother's dress caught fire as she was passing

the gasoline stove, Mr. Wetzier told an entirely different story to a reporter of Tur Traces last night,
"My wife was in the kitchen pepuring din-ner," he said, "and my stepdaughter and I were sitting in the dining-room. While lean-

are strong in the dining-room. While leaning over the kitchen range cooking, my wife's
apron swung against the coal fire and olazed
up. Soon she was enveloped with flames and
ran screaming into the dining-room. I
jumped up quickly, and catching up my
overcoat, which was hanging on a chair near
hy granged it around her wrapped it around her, and extinguished Mr. Wetzler repeated again and again that

Mr. Wetzler repeated again and again that he had warned his wife to be careful of the fire. He took particular pains to deny that there had been any disturbance, and that the affair had occurred just as he described it. He said that there was no fire in the gasoline The burning of Mrs. Wetzler and the re-

markable scenes attending the incident were freely discussed in the neighborhood last night, and the stories of eye witnesses all agreed us to the events. 40>

MUST PRINT-NO MORE.

For eign Stamp Albums Will No Longer Be Permitted to Be Published.

The opinion of the Solicitor of the Treas-

ury to the effect that it is unlawful to have in ssession or use plates for the printing of postage stamps in the similitude of those issued by foreign governments, will be acted upon at once. It is stated by the chief of the Secret Service that so-called stamp albums now on hand by publishers and dealers containing these prints will not be confiscated. but no more will be allowed to be printed. The cuts, plates, etc., from which they are printed will be seized if not surrendered. It is an astonishing fact that the penalty im-posed by law for the counterfeiting of foreign

posed by law for the counterfeiting of foreign stamps is much more severe than for coun-terfeiting United States stamps. In the case of foreign stamps the penalty is not less than two or more than ten years imprisonment, while for counterfeiting Unite i States stamps the penalty is a line of not more than \$500 or not more than five years imprisonment or both. Thus a court might impose a fine of \$1 or one day's imprisonment for violation of our own law and come within the law, while the

minimum penalty as to foreign stamps is two years' imprisonment.

More Enterprise in the South. Baleigh, N. C., Dec. 30.—An important meeting of the representative men of the Seaboard Air Line has been in session here for two days. Most of the officers of the company were in attendance as well as promi-nent business men in this city, besides others pany were in attendance as well as promi-nent business men in this city, besides others from the far South and West. The confer-ence was for the purpose of formulating a plan for developing the territory through which the road runs. It is said that this plan has powerful backing and that it will prove of benefit particularly to Virginia, Nerth Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia.

FREEZING IN FLORIDA.

Millions of Dollars Damage Done to Fruit

and Vegetables. JACKSONVILLE, Fin., Dec. 30.-Reports by wire from fifty-one correspondents in the orange districts of the State indicate that at enst 1,800,000 of unpicked oranges are solid

least 1,800,000 of unpicked oranges are solid globes of ice, and more than 300,000 boxes of oranges in warehouses or lying in bulk preparatory to packing are frozen.

Tomatoes, cabbage, beans, peas and all vegetables in the northern half of the State are rained, except the pineapple plantations, which are not much injured. Day before yesterday half of this season's great orange erop of 5,000,000 boxes was still en the trees.

The tail of the Northern blizzard switched around through the Fiorida penusuhas and within the space of a few hours Fiorida had sustained a less that is estimated in money would reach into the milliots. The destruction will be felt for many years directly or indirectly, by all the people of the state.

Previous to this time the coddest weather known was in 1835, but there is no record to show just how cold it was then. Reports from the interior of the State show that the cold weather has been general and has extended from one end of the penissula to the other.

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and the same was reported at Titusville. At Cedar Keys it was said to be as low as 16 and

at Key West it was down to 44. at key West it was down to 44.

The cold weather played have with the plumbing and water supply in Jacksonville; many people found their water-pipes frozen. The occurrence was so unusual that it was some time before residents could realize that the water had actually frozen in the pipes. There was no ice on the river front, as was in 1886, but this was doubtless due the case in 1886, but this was doubtless due to the wind.

There was fee in shallow places, however,

and there are icides everywhere. The rull-road water tanks were frozen. The weather has moderated, and the cold spell is now broken. At 8 o'clock to-night the tempera-ture was 40.

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Birminauam, Ala., Dec. 30.—The worst snowstorm ever known in Alabaan 1s prevailing. Four inches of snow fell to-day and to-night the fail was renewed furlously. The weather is very severe and much suffering among the poor is reported. Many cattle are starving in barren sections, and two negroes were frozen to death at Attalia. At Birmingham snow has almost blocked traffic and the street car companies find it necessary to run their ears all night to keep the track clear. The snowstorm extends all over the northern section of the State. It is feared that much damage will be done in the mines by the bursting of water pipes and flooding the mines.

New Oblicans, Dec. 30.—Six inches of snow fell to-day at Columbus, four at Starkville, Water Valley, Holly Springs, and Grenada, Miss., and ten to twelve inches at Arkansas City, Kans,

City, Kans.

Minmans. Tenn., Dec. 30.—From six to eight inches of snow is reported to-night from middle and western Tennessee. Arkansas, north Mississippi, and western Alabama, with a steady drop in temperature. Ralmion, N. C., Dec. 30.—The cold snap, which was one of the most severe that North Carolina has over experienced, has abated. The lowest temperature reported is ten degrees below zero in the misuntains. There is good skating in most parts of the State.

DOUBLE-ENDER ENTERPRISE.

To Wrest Gold from River Beds and Generate Electricity at the Same Time.

DERVER, Colo., Dec. 30,-The Clear Creek Gold Mining and Water Power Company has been organized by New York Philadelphia enpitalists to wrest from the bed of Clear Creek thirteen miles above Golden, the vast accumulation of gold supposed to have been deposited there through the ages and to supply the electrical power for the running of all sorts of machinery.

machinery.

Henry Levis, of Philadelphia; is the president and representative of the Eastern capitalists. The Denver men are Scott J. Anthony, vice president; W. D. Smith, secretary, and J. M. Downing and Henry J. Mayhan, who with those named and Mr. Ksene, of Philadelphia, constitute the board of directors.

company contemplates supplying power to run the street cars and all sorts of plants in this city by generating electricity many miles away, exactly as has been done by "barnessing" Niagara. It is one of the most important enterprices ever undertaken

GOTHAM'S TENEMENT HOUSES.

Sanitary Improvements Would Decrease

the Death Rate in Them. NEW YORK, Dec. 30. - The Tenement House Commission has held its last meeting, and its report has been practically decided on. This report will be presented to the legislature as on as a committee is appointed to receive it. Richard Watson Gilder, chairman of the commission, said to-day that the members

which will be made to the legislature; that it would not be purfecus to do so. He intimated, however, that a statement made by Dr. Tracey, of the health department, while on the stand, would constitute the keynote of the report. Dr. Tracey testified that the death rate could be still further decreased by an improvement in the sanitary construction of the houses by the introduction of small parks and public baths and by the destruction of some of the worst of the buildings now in existence in New York. Attaks will

FAVOR ALLISON'S RESOLUTION.

Members of the House of Commons Petition for an Arbitration Treaty.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Daily News says that the signatures to the memorial which Mr. William R. Cromer, member of Parliament, will present to President Cleveland and the American Congress in favor of an arbitration treaty between Great Britain and the United States are those of unofficial members of the House of Commons.

Three hundred and forty-five members signed the memorial, and the number would have been increased had the members of the government been invited to sign it. Most of the Liberal and Irish and a fair number of the Unionist members signed. The intention is to use the memorial to assist the adoption of Senator Allison's resolution.

Loval to Church and State. BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 30.—Rev. Dr. Andrew Schwartz, seventy-five years of age, a minister of the German Lutheran Church, died suddenly on Saturday. He was born at Stuttgart, Germany, and his early life was spent in New York city. He established a number of churches during his ministry. He was a strong advocate of the Union cause during the civil war, and two sons served with the Federal troops with distinction.

Says the Edict Is Final. WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 20 .- Vicar General Lyons to-day branded as absurd the cabled story from Rome to the effect that it was untrue that the status of certain secret

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reports the death and buthat a sea on De-cember 27, of Chief Engineer George Preston. Mr. Preston had served with the Johnson line of steamers for twelve years. He was a native of New York and estry-six years old. He stood high in Masonic orders.

societies in the United States had been set-tied. He asserted that the recent papal de-cree showed that the action of the Pope was final and conclusive. this morning. Several residences and near-by buildings were burned. The total loss is \$40,-000. The destruction of the factory throws 150 hands out of work. Died and Was Buried at Sen-BALTIMONE, Md., Dec. 30 .- The steamship Sedgemore, Capt. Bartlett, from Liverpool,

cerious Damage to Others Pierce Storms Causing Great Devastation on Both Sides of the Atlantic-Loss of Life and Property Very Great-Details of the Disaster.

SWALLOWED BY THE SEA

Twenry-four Drowned.

PERISHED AT HARBOR'S MOUTH

Other Vessels Destroyed by the Ter-

rible Gales on the Coast.

LONDON, Dec. 30, - Severe weather has prevailed throughout Great Britain since Saturday, the heavy gale being accompanied by hall and snow, rendering navigation along the coasts both difficult and dangerous. All vessels that could do so made for bayens of refuge. Some, however, did not succeed in reaching port, but were wrecked when almost in sight of safety. This was the case of the British bark Osseo, Capt. Boggs, which sailed from Taltal August 15 for Ardressan. She made the long voyage safely until this moraing, when she was wrecked on the Holyhead breakwater and every soul on board of ber, twenty-four in all, were drowned. The Ossco was caught in the gale in the Irish Sea and Capt. Boggs evidently thought that he would run into Holyhead and wait for the

storm to abate. Shortly before 3:30 o'clock this morning the keeper of the lighthouse at the seaward end of the long breakwater saw a bark come out of the gloom with her lights burning brightly and under close storm canvas. The wind was blowing a living gale and a terrific sea was running before it.

An extraordinarily high sea lifted her when she was quite close to the breakwater and DASHED HER UPON IT.

She struck amidships, and immediately be gan to break up, the sea pounding at her furiously the moment she became stationary. The lighthouse keeper fired a rocket to call the coast guardsmen and lifeboat men. In the mean time, the bark had broken into haives, the mainmast going by the beard. In its fall it strack several of the crew, who were on the dock, killing them instantly. Others of the crew had clambered into the fore and migram rigoring to seem a below. fore and mizzen rigging to escape being washed overboard by the hage combers that were making a clean breach over the wreck. Above the howing of the gale could be heard the cries of the men on the bark for agaistance. The coast guards got a line abourd the wreck and it was caucht by one of the crew. Before he could make it has of the craw. Before he could make it fast, the fore and mixton-must where whipped off close to the deek, and everybody in their rig-ging fell with them into the

SEA AND WERE DROWNED. The sailor who had caught the line was

crushed to death under one of the falling masts. During the day nine bodies were recovered. The identity of the bark was learned from some of her papers that were

washed ashore.

The Norwegian ship Frey, Capt. Hansen from Darlen, while riding at anchor off. Troon, was dismasted. Her erew were taken off in a lifebont. The boat consider and one man was drowned. The other fifteen reached. the shore safety. The Frey has since dragged her archor and gone ashore at Devil's Dyke, four miles from Ayr. The British bark Bonita, Capt. Thomas,

from Galveston, was run into off Falmouth this morning and damaged by the schooner Carrie Harvey. A dispatch from London-derry says that nothing has been heard of the Mississippi and Dominion line steamer Sarnia, which lost her rudder at sea and, which, after being taken in tow by the anchor line steamer Anchoris was dropped a lount 130 steamer Anchorla, was dropped a bout 130 miles west of Tory Island, owing to heavy wenther which made towing dangerous. The Anchor line steamer Furnessia, from Glasgow for New York, which salled from Moville this morning, has orders to keep a sharp lookout or the Sarnia. Tugs are lying in Lough

as soon as the weather permits.

Gwing to the gale in the English Channet, the Cetend mall steamer was unable to leave Dover to-day. A coasting schooner was dismusted off Cromer. Four lifeboats started out to rescue her crew. The vessel had swong off in the trough of the sen, where she rolled her rails under. This made it extremely dangerous for the lifeboats to approach her and twelve hours clapsed before the crew was on as the weather permits,

New York, Dec. 30.—All incoming steamers report very severe weather along the coast.

Steamers from Europe report having experienced the effects of the gaie of the 27th when approaching the George's Banks and Nantucket; the wind, which set in from the southeast, blowing a strong gale, shifted to the southwest and northwest, accompanied by heavy seas and intensely cold weather. The vessels decks and hulls were quickly conted with ice to the thickness of several The vessels decks and finits were quietry conted with ice to the thickness of several inches. The crews suffered much from the cold, and the task of getting about the decks proved a very difficult one.

Steamers from the southward ran into bad weather upon reaching Hatterns, where the wind suddenly shifted to the south, blowing a strong gale, with a very heavy sea. Several steamers after passing Hatterns experiencel a severe electric storm, which was accompanied by heavy rain and hard squalls, and upon moderating came out again in a sudden shift of wind from the northwest, student saint of wind from the northwest, blowing with furrione force, causing a tre-mendous sea, which washed the vessels' decks and coated them with ice. The officers and crews suffered a great deal from the cold. No damage of a serious nature was

LONDON, Dec. 31 .- A dispatch to the Standard from Berlin says that gales, accompanie by snow, prevail in northern Germany. A unusually high tide in the River Elbe floods the lowlying parts of Cuxhaven and Ham-burg. Two bodies have been washed ashore in the lower Eibe. Enormous damage has been done along the north Sea Coasts. Many vessels badly damaged have been towed into Romerhayen.

house, was stricken by apoplexy at the Hotel Oxford last night. He was removed to the Emergency Hospital, where he died about 11 o'clock. Mr. Coulon lived at No. 2145 Pennsvivania avenue.

Died of Apoplexy.

George A. Conlon, an engineer at the gas

Another Blow at Addicks. WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 30.-The Business Mea's Republican Club, composed of the leading business men of Wilmington, passed resolutions to-night condemning the candiney of J. Edward Addicks for United States

These Cigars Burned Well. Lozano, Pondos & Co., was destroyed by fire

Rendy for Deadly Business QUARANTIME, S. I., Dec. 80.—The United States cruiser San Francisco passed out the Narrows at 9:33 a. m. for Newport, E. L., where she will receive her torpeco outfit be-fore proceeding to the European station.

WHEN CONGRESS MEETS.

Fourteen Appropriation Bills Among the IN SIGHT OF SAFETY Both Houses of Congress will resume their Wreck of the Bark Osseo and

ession on Thursday next, and it is expected that there will be a rather more determined effort to press forward the work of the session for the next two months than has characterized the proceedings during the month which has already clapsed.

which has already clapsed.

The necessary work of the merion is the passage of the appropriation bills, of which there are fourteen. Of these none have passed the Senate, and only five have received the sanction of the House. Of those five the Senate Committee on Appropriations have passed favorably upon the possions and military academy bills, while the Army, fortifications and urgent deficiency bills are still under consideration by the committee.

It is in order for the Senate to take up any

Many Ships Overdue and Reports Current of under consideration by the committee.

It is in order for the senate to take up any reported appropriation bill at any time, and whether the Nicaragua Canai pill, which stants in the Senate calendar as unfinished business, shall continue to hold its place of vantage, will depend for the present upon whether the Appropriations Committee shall desire to supplant it with the pensions or fortifications bills, or with any other appropriation bill after the other bills shall be reported from the committee.

There is, however, no urgancy concerning either of the appropriation bills so far re-

either of the appropriation bills so far re-ported, and the probabilities are that the Nicaragua bill will not be displaced for the

The Sicaragua Canal discussion will, bar-The Sicaragua Canal discussion will, barring this possibility of displacement and adjournment over until the following Monday, be resumed after the morning hour on Thursday, with Senator Morgan occupying the floor. Mr. Morgan has been devoting the holidays to the preparatior of a reply to Senator Torple's attack upon the canal bill, and his friends expect him to make a vigorous and exhaustive defense of the measure and of the enterprise whose interests it is intended.

and exhaustive defense of the measure and of the enterprise whose interests it is intended to promote. He will probably speak an en-tire day, and possioly two or three days. There may be an effort to have the Senate adjourn from Thursday over until Menday in case there should not appear to be a quorum when the Senate reconvenes, but those best acquainted with Senate methods predict that it will sit for at least two days of the present week.

SHUT IN BY THE GATES.

Five Injured in a Railroad Crossing Ac cident in Chicago.

Cmcaso, Dec. 30.-A Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific passenger coach, being rapidly switched into the Rock Island depot this afternoon, crushed into a carriage at the Pacific avenue and Harrison street crossing. Five persons were badly injured, the carriage demolished and one of the horses so badly injured that it had to be shor. The injured are:

Mrs. C. Christin, of 423 West Harrison

street, injured internally, left cheek out, bruised about the body.

Mrs. R. Christin, of Ottawa, Canada, injured internally, seriously bruised and cut on right shoulder, both arms, face, and neck.

Miss Bertha Christin, cut and bruised on arms, shoulders, and face: prostrated by

Miss Jennie Christin, injured internally, ft shoulder truised, cuts on hands, neck id head, suffered greatly from shock, Deanis O'Connor, driver, severely injured internally, cut on both shoulders, bruised about the head and body.

The accident was caused by the carriage being shut in on the tracks by the gates dropping without warning.

COULDN'T DELIVER THE GOODS.

Bargain to Sell an Office Which Was Not Made Good Rangous, N. C., Dec. 30.- The supreme court has handed down a decision in an extremely novel case which has attracted much attention, John R. Moss, postmister at Henderson, whose term expired last March, agreed prior to the expiration of this term to hand over the office to A. M. Busket in con-

sideration of \$972, paid to Moss in the form of a deed of trust on 125 acres of land. Moss' term expired, but he falled to secure the appointment of Basket. Notwithstanding, he insisted on enforcing his lien. Action want of clothing this winter, was brought to restrain Moss from solling A dispatch from Curtis say the land.

from selling the land. moral sense revolts at traffic in the bestown! of public office and that such traffic is against public morals and public policy.

FRENCH DIRECTORS ARRESTED. Another Scandal from the Same Cause as

the Barthou-Jaures Duck. Pants, Dec. 30 .- A judicial inquiry into the conduct of the old directors of the French Southern Bailway Company has revealed another financial scandal. Warrants have been issued for the arrest of a number of con-

tractors, bankers, and politicians, The question of the relations of the government to this company was debuted in the chamber of Deputies on December 22 last, hen the governmen narrowly escaped de-The matter indirectly led to the harmless duel between Dr. Barthou, minister of public works, and M. Jaures, the Socialist leader, who had accused the government of sociking to protect a number of exploiters, which statement Dr. Barthou branded as a

M. Jean Honore Audiffred, who repreof a number of committees in the Chamber.

-Burglars Become Murderers CLEVELAND, Oblo, Dec. 30.—Burglars risited the house of Luther Buttles at Collinwood, a suburb of this city, last night, and be ing discovered shot Battles in the neek with a revolver, fatally wounding him. Mrs. Battles was then compelled to give up \$40 and a gold watch, when the burglars set fire to the

ouse, but the flames were extinguished be-

fore they did much damage. Crewated with His Son. Nuwayoo, Mich., Dec. 30 .- Charles White and his six-year-old son were cremated by the burning of their dwelling at 12 o'clock this morning. White was awakened by his wife and ran upstairs where four children were sleeping. Three made their escape, but before the father could find the fourth the

Another Cabinet for Hungary BUDAPESTH, Dec. 30.—The King of Hun gary (Emporor Francis Joseph) to-day gave an andience to Count Khuen Hedervary and requested him to form a calanet. Count Hedervary subsequently had a conference with Dr. Wekerle, the prime minister, who re-signed on Monday last, and other Liberal leaders.

stairway was fo flames.

Collision in the Mediterreneau. Genalitan, Dec. 30.—The British steamer Yoxford, from Palermo for New York, has ar rived here with some of her plates damaged. She reports having been in collision with the French bark Marie Louise. The bark was so badly damaged that she sank. Five of her crew were drowned.

Li Hung Chang Superceded. Loxnon, Dec. 80. - A dispatch from Pekin

says that the viceroy of Nankin, Lia Kung Yi, has been appointed to the chief command of all the Chinese forces, thus superceding Li Hung Chang and Prince Kung, the Emperor's uncle, who was only a short time ago ap-pointed to that position among two or three others.

NEBRASKA STRICKEN

BY COLD AND HUNGER

ONE CENT.

Many Parts of the State.

Relief Committee Unable to Supply All People in Distress.

Frightful Destitution in the Western Counties, Where Corn Got No Higher Than Ten Inches and Where Sage Brush Is Used for Food-People Living in Covered Wagons-Outlook Is Extremely Bark.

DESVER, Col., Dec. 39.-Special dispatches from Western Nebraska tell of the destitution and distress prevailing among the inhabitants of the drouth-stricken districts. A dispatch from Hastings says: Terrible destitution exists in Perkins, Chase, Dundy, Lincoln, Have, Hitchcock, and Frontier counties, and the worst feature is the people in several localities are afflicted with sourcy for want of wholesome food,

The State relief committee find themselves unable to relieve all the people in distress, so great are the demands for aid. The railroad men report that since the cold snap, no less than a dozen people have perished in the above counties in the past two days for want of food and fuel.

Hundreds of families are without coal and in the border counties, where no trees or brush exist, the poor people had a hard time

FREEZING TO DEATH. In Perkins county destitution is complete,

Over 600 families are appealing for help. Near Lisbon the wife and two children of Settler Burns suffered for want of proper nourishment and elothing to cover them.

In Hitchcok county the wile of one of the settlers gave birth to twins during the storm, and before the neighbors could reach the home the poor woman expired for want of sufficient food and attention. The twins are

still living and in charge of charitable neigh Coal is most needed in the drouth district and Mr. Ludden, of the State relief commit-tee, and General Manager Hodredge, of the Burlington and Missouri River, are doing everything in their power to forward supplies to the more destitute localities. Very few of the farmers in the border counties have any stock left, having let their cartie and horses roam at large. Stock is being driven out of the State to prevent starvation

Corn planted in eight or ten of the western countles never reached a height of over six inches, and contains no more NOURISHMENT THAN SAGE BRESH. People are living in covered wagons by the

freeze to death One of the first note of the legislature One of the first acts of the legislature, which convenes next Tuesday, will be to pass a suitable appropriation for the relief of the sufferers. More or less destitution exists in every county from the Colorado line cast to Hail and Adams counties and the various relief committees are overwhelmed with appeals for aid.

North Platte reports: It is a fact that there have been many reserved.

North Flatte reports: It is a fact that there have been many cases of suffering and hunger among the decath sufferers in Lincoln and Logan counties. Many families have only potatoes and milk to live on now, with mo hay or grain for their stock through the rest of the winter. The county in a short time will be unable to supply the increasing demands for the nocessities of life. The overseers of the poor state that there are more calls already than the county can supply, and

there will be many deaths from hunger and

A dispatch from Curtis says: tress prevails throughout this and sarrounding counties, awing to eron failure the past ing counties, ewing to crop faintre the past two seasons. Relief committees have been organized in almost every precinct, and solici-tors sent East for aid, several car-loads of which have been received. This, with what aid the county has been able to give, has alone prevented saffering among the

and stock. The outlook is extremely dark, owing to the scarcity of food and seed grain, the two articles most needed."

"The State Relief Commission has fifty families on its lists as worthy and needing families on its lists as worthy and needing assistance, and the most distressing reports come in from all over the western part of the State relating to the weeful lack of food and clothing," says a Lincoln dispatch. "No deaths certainly attributable to starvation have yet been reported, although it is claimed that a woman and two children found dead in a callin near Nicotars. The magning before in a cabin near Niobrara, the morning before

DIED FROM LACK OF POOD, "There are thousands who could not with-

stand the rigors of a cold spell without aid, which is being sent out in generous supply by the relief commission wherever it is known to be needed. Relief supplies are being received from all over the country and shipped directly to the needy in car lots." RALEBON, N. C., Dec. 30.—A call was issued to-day for a mass-meeting of the citizens of this place for the purpose of securing food and supplies to be sent to the destitute dis-tricts in Nebraska.

LEGAL CHINESE PUZZLE.

But It Probably Saves Deputy Sheriff Hall's Neck.

Bangon, N. C., Dec. 30 .- It may be safely said that the case of the State vs. Hall in which an opinion of the supreme court is filed, has had no parallel. Deputy Sheriff Hall, standing on just this side of the line. fired and killed Andrew Bryson, a prisoner

fired and killed Androw Bryson, a prisoner who was excaping into Tennessee. Hall was tried and conticted of marder for this State. On appeal this was reversed on the ground that "in contempation of law" Hall was in Tennessee where the killing was done.

He was then arrested and held as a fugitive from justice. The Governor of Tennessee sent for Hall on requisition. Hall applied for discharge, but the judge below reused to discharge him. He then appealed. The supreme court, by a majority of one, decides he must be discharged, because not having been in Tennessee at the time of the killing he cannot be a fugitive from justice.

Justice Clark dissents, Justice MacBae joining in dissent, on the ground that if in contemplation of law Hall was in Tennessee at the time of the killing so that he cannot be tried in North Carolina, in the same contemp ation of law he must be a fugitive from justice, for he cannot now be found in Tennessee, but in North Carolina.

nessee, but in North Carolina, Lord Randolph Churchill. London, Dec. 30,-Lord Bandolph Church-Ill is still conscious. The hemorrhage which

caused the pressure on the brain, having tem-porarily ceased, the improvement in his con-dition is maintained, The Delaware River Frozen.
LAMBERTVILLE, N. J., Dec. 30.—The Delaware River is frozen over above the bridge,

and pedestrians are crossing on the fee to-day. If the cold spell continues teams will be able to cross to-merrow. Socialist Success in Relgium.
Baussels, Dec. 30.—M. Smeets, a Socialist, has been elected a member of the Chamber of Deputies, receiving a large majority over his Catholic opponent.

Heartrending Tales Come from

COAL AND FOOD BADLY NEEDED